Weighing of coal at the weighbridge in Coal India Ltd.

1793. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of the despatched coal actually weighed at the colliery weighbridge in Coal India Ltd.;

(b) what is company-wise details;

(c) what is the basis of payment for non-weighed coal;

(d) what are the steps taken by Government for joint sampling of the coal for ensuring the quality of the coal at the power plant.

(e) whether it is being done at pit head or power plants; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), the company-wise percentages of coal weighed at the colliery-end before despatch during 1993-94 were as under:

Company	Percentage weighment
Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) .	96.9%
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)	89.3%
Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) .	63.2%
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL)	74.8%
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., (MCL)	43.5%
Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL)	79.5%
Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL) .	65.9%

(c) All coal supplied by road, MGR, ropeways, belt is covered by weighment facilities. Despatches by rail are also mostly covered by weighbridges. However, where coal is despatched without weighments by rail bills are raised by CIL on the basis of weight recorded in the Railways Receipt (RR) issued by the Railways on the basis of volumetric conversion of coal.

(d) to (f) Coal companies are responsible for supply of correct quality and quantity of coal at the pit heads. This is also the point where the property in coal is transferred to the consumers or their transport agents. The quality and quantity of coal supplies have to be verified by the consumer at the point where he or his agent takes possession and any discrepancy regarding weight and quality should be sorted out on that basis. The legal responsibility of supplier ceases as soon as the property is transferred. This is also the position under Sales of Goods Act, 1930.

It has also been decided that an independent third party inspection agency for quality assurance in coal should be established, preferably through coal Controller's Organisation, on a self financing basis. All such quality inspections should be done at the colliery end before despach and not at the consumers end after receipt.

मध्य प्रदेश के औद्योगिक एककों को घटिया कोयले की आपूर्ति

1794. **श्री अजीत जोगी**: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मध्य प्रदेश के औद्योगिक एककों को कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा घटिया कोयले की आपूर्ति की जा रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) और (ख) कोल इण्डिया लि० तथा इसकी सहायक कम्पनियां मध्य प्रदेश में औद्योगिक एककों सहित अपने सभी उपभोक्ताओं को संविदा के अंतर्गत गुणवत्ता वाले कोयले की आपूर्ति